

## LOCAL MENTION

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This paper wants a good, live, energetic correspondent from each school district in St. Francois county, to send in good local news from each community each week. We will be glad to pay well for service rendered. For further information, call on or address

A. W. BRADSHAW,  
Editor The Farmington Times.

Miss Nan Gardner was a St. Louis visitor this week.

Fine fall weather continues and will probably usher in Christmas.

Miss Bernice McCarthy is home from Columbia for the holidays.

Stam & Bros. are ready now to butcher your hogs. Charges

B. H. Marbury went to St. Louis Monday afternoon on professional business.

Do you know Brookfield Pork Sausage? You can get it at Autsen's Market.

John Bailey, who is attending the State University, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

T. C. Young made a business trip to St. Louis Tuesday, returning home the same evening.

LOST—One 32d Degree Masonic Lodge Pin. Suitable reward if returned to this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noland of Des Moines, Iowa, will be Christmas visitors at Mr. Ed Noland's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Isaacs of Decatur, Ill., will arrive Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Cahoon Hardesty of Cape Girardeau are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Harlan.

Dr. and Mrs. Theodore D. Fisher of Indianapolis, Ind., will visit home-folks during the Christmas season.

John Towl went to St. Louis Tuesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Open air bathing would be more in keeping with weather conditions this Christmas than the customary ice skating.

Place your orders early and insure prompt deliveries. Thos. Autsen, Old Reliable Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Dubart Long and little daughter of Ottawa, Canada, came in early this week for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wilson.

J. C. Watson was called to St. Louis Monday afternoon, and will probably go on to Washington and New York City on important business before returning home.

Mrs. J. C. Watson and little grandson, James Watson Bentley, left Tuesday afternoon for Marion, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Watson's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cornwall of South Orange, New Jersey, arrived in Farmington last Sunday noon, having been called here on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Cornwall's father, Mr. J. E. Cover, who died early Monday morning.

Wm. Moothart left Monday afternoon for a few days' visit with F. T. Huber, near Weingarten, Ste. Genevieve county. During his visit much of Mr. Moothart's time will be occupied in hunting, where game is reported quite plentiful.

That good old friend of The Times, Abe Herod, living at the extreme end of Rural Route 4, made this office a pleasant call Monday morning and renewed his subscription. Mr. Herod has been a continuous reader of The Times for more than forty years.

The Rev. Dr. W. C. Macurdy of Farmington, Mo., former pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church here, preached at Carthage last week.

He is now Superintendent of Education for this conference of the Methodist Church and is here in the course of a tour of his territory.—Carthage Democrat.

Sheriff J. C. Williams, Judge E. E. Swink, John L. Swink, Francis A. Benham and Jake Day returned Tuesday from a week's camp in Mingo Swamp, Stoddard county. They report a splendid time and some game bagged.

Ernest K. Blue has been given the management of the local plant and business of the National Refining Company in Poplar Bluff and today E. C. Freiling of the main office at Hannibal, was in the city checking in Mr. Blue.—Poplar Bluff Citizen-Democrat.

W. H. Hunt left Monday afternoon for Hamilton, Canada, for a prolonged visit with his uncle, J. D. Long. Just before taking the car he called at The Times office and renewed the subscription to his relatives in Canada. Mr. Hunt has been spending his winters there for some time past and, it seems, has fallen in love with that climate.

R. A. Swink of Maplewood, David Carlisle of Coffman, C. H. Fike and daughter, Miss Mary, of Bonne Terre, Misses Nannie and Jessie Hobbs of Bonne Terre, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Matthews of Oran were here to attend the funeral of Joseph E. Cover last Tuesday.

T. P. Pigg of the Arcadia Valley Enterprise, W. L. Bouchard of the Desloge Sun and R. L. Lashley of the Elvins Record, were welcome callers at The Times office Saturday. That's right, gentlemen, we want to get acquainted with all our Southeast brother pencil pushers.

D. M. Lewis, late of Libertyville, called at The Times office Tuesday and requested the address of his paper changed to Knob Lick, Route 1, having recently changed his location. Mr. Lewis has been a reader of The Times for many years, and could not feel comfortable without its weekly visits.

Miss Clara Meyer of Berlin will be the guest of Miss Miriam Bleck during the Christmas holidays. Miss Meyer is the niece of Dr. Max Meyer, head of the Psychological Department of the University of Missouri. She has been in America three and one-half years, finishing her education in England and receiving her training as a teacher.

F. H. Moyer, of St. Louis, a mining operator well known in this community, was here Sunday interviewing some of our citizens in regard to some mining schemes he is now promoting. As a side line, he carries a most interesting assortment of facts and figures to demonstrate the truthfulness of the Democratic faith that is in him. In political argument he is unanswerable.

Mr. Charles Dittich had the little finger of his left hand crushed so badly in a corn crusher about five weeks ago, that it had to be amputated. In a few days blood poisoning set in and he was brought to the hospital in Farmington for treatment. His many friends will be glad to know that he has so far recovered that he was able to be out Monday of this week, and it is hoped that he will not have any more trouble with his hand.

If you want a Xmas or New Year's gift, for little money, can you think of anything that would be more useful or appropriate for any one than a year's subscription to The Farmington Times? It would be more than welcome to any resident, or former resident of this community. You could ransack every Santa Claus Headquarters without finding anything that would give such real satisfaction to the recipient, and its cost is but \$1.00 for the year 1916.

Dr. John P. Clark of Perryville has been appointed by the Governor a member of the Board of Regents of the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, to fill out the unexpired term of Hina C. Schult of Caruthersville, resigned. The Many friends here of Dr. Clark, who is a native of St. Francois county, are pleased to learn of his selection for this important position. He was a member of the Board of Managers of State Hospital No. 4 under Governor Folk's administration.

The Times Advertiser all report a very pleasing and satisfactory Christmas trade. This shows that advertising is rather an investment, than an expense, and when carried on in the right way, and in a business like manner, advertising brings safe and sure returns on the investment entailed. But it requires business sagacity in order to produce best results from advertising, the same as in the proper management of any other line of business. Liberal buying at this time is also a sure indication that this particular section of country is blessed with a fair measure of prosperity.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Times extends to all its best wishes for a very happy and joyful Christmas season. May all the pleasures that are generally supposed to attend this glad season attend each and every one. But it does not depend so much on what one receives, as on what one gives, that makes this a season of rejoicing. If you will keep that fact continually in mind we will guarantee you a full measure of happiness during the yuletide season.

## BASKET BALL MEET IN CAPE MARCH 10

High School Teams from Southeast Missouri to Compete for Honor. A basket ball tournament including teams from every high school in Southeast Missouri is being organized by the Athletic Association at the Normal School.

The tourney will be held at the Normal School gymnasium on March 10 and 11 and the championship of high school teams will be definitely settled at that time.

Copies of the rules and regulations for the tournament have been mailed to principals of all the high schools in the district covered by the Cape Normal school.—Cape Tribune.

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Squire J. W. Fraser, one of Bonne Terre's splendid old citizens, was here Tuesday meeting with many old friends, who were pleased to see him looking so well. He is now nearing his eightieth milestone in life's journey, during which time he has passed over some very rough places, having served throughout the Civil war. In 1889 Mr. Fraser represented St. Francois County in the State Legislature, and for twenty-three years he served as Justice of the Peace in Bonne Terre, but recently voluntarily retiring from that position. His many friends in this vicinity hope that he will yet spend many Christmas seasons among them.

## THE LOCAL MARKET

Wheat, per bushel.....	\$1.15
Bran, per 100 pounds.....	1.30
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Mixed Feed, per 100 lbs.....	1.35
Ship Stuff, per 100 lbs.....	1.55
Meal, per bushel.....	.95
Corn, per bushel.....	.80
Oat, per bushel.....	.55
Irish Potatoes, per bushel.....	.75
Sweet Potatoes, per bushel.....	1.00
Eggs, per dozen.....	.25
Butter, per lb.....	.20 and .25
Honey, per lb.....	.15 and .20
Apples, per bushel.....	.30 to .50
New Sorghum, per gallon.....	.60
Turkeys, per pound.....	.18
Hay, per ton.....	\$10 to 12.00
Hogs, on foot, per lb.....	.06
Bacon, per lb.....	.14
Cattle, on foot, per lb.....	.05
Veal calves, per lb.....	.06 and .07
Lard, per lb.....	12-1-2
Tallow, per lb.....	.05
Ham, smoked.....	16c to .18
Hides, green.....	12-1-2
Beeswax, per lb.....	.25
Ducks, per lb.....	.12
Chickens, spring.....	12-1-2

Fish Unhurt by Freezing. During several months of each year some of the great rivers of Siberia are frozen solid to the bottom, but the fishes imprisoned in the ice maintain their vitality and resume their active life when the ice melts.

## Church Notices

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services are held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the new Tetterly building in the halls of the Schubert School of Music.

All are welcome.  
Subject of lesson sermon: "Christian Science."  
Golden Text: Rev. 22:1.

## Christian Church

J. M. Bailey, Minister

There will be the usual services at the Christian Church next Lord's day. Bible School at 10 a. m. Preaching and communion service at 11 a. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. You are invited to worship with us at these services.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

H. Hallberg, Pastor.

Christmas Day. Festival services, celebrating the birth of the Christ-Child, will be held as follows:

German preaching at 10:30 a. m. Subject of sermon: "The Manger in Bethlehem. Special singing by the choir.

German-English children's service at 7 p. m.

Sunday after Christmas services as follows:

Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. English preaching and Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m.

Preparatory service for communicants at 10 a. m.

Subject of sermon: "The Love of God Manifest in the Birth of Jesus Christ."

Ladies' Aid at 2:30 p. m. No evening service.

A cordial welcome to all.

## First Baptist Church

O. H. L. Cunningham, Pastor  
11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Public worship.

9:30 a. m., Sunday School.

6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., Prayer meeting.

Sunday will be "Every Member Present Day." Be sure to come and bring your friends. We hope to break the record of Sunday School attendance next Sunday. Parents, bring your children and swell the number.

## A TIME FOR IDEALS

S. P. B. Mais, a schoolmaster in one of the public schools of England, writing not long ago in the Fortnightly Review, drew attention to the fact that schoolmastering today is easy with English schoolboys. Discipline is made virtually necessary because of seriousness of students, many of whose companions and teachers are fighting in the trenches only a few hundred miles away. Even games which are second nature to the public-school boy, are relegated to their right place, and form now an incident simply. A new sense of proportion has been achieved as a result of this terrific conflict which has stirred the depth of national character. Even chapel exercises are pervaded with a new and deep attentiveness; the preacher and the audience are one in a new and common sympathy.

The only thing now, according to this schoolmaster's account, that really matters is the corps. He gives an illustration of the way in which punishment has become, if not entirely obliterated, at least difficult. A boy who was expected to be engaged upon a mathematical test paper was discovered devouring a book; the inevitable penalty of seventy-five lines, in this case of "Paradise Lost," was learned, and after the student had recited his punishment lines he was asked what novel or magazine had been taking his attention. "Field Service Regulations, sir," was the boy's reply.

In view of this breaking up of old ideas and traditions, and in recognition of an extraordinary seriousness, the writer goes on to say: "Now is the time to throw our whole weight on the side of ideals, to make them (the students) realize the myriad-hued beauty of life in which lies all truth, all appreciation of nobility, all religion and depth of character."

This is a timely word, and it applies no less to the population of the Western hemisphere whose political, industrial and mental life has been stirred out of the channels of the usual routine by the effects, direct or indirect, of the world war. The literature, the councils, the business and the conversations reveal the fact that people in the United States are facing the heights and depths of the sincerities of existence as they have not done before in a long time. The nation is sobering as it reads the daily narration of world catastrophe. Men are saying on all sides, "What does it all mean? Is it merely a woeful dance of destruction? Or is it a



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—AND—

## A HAPPY, FULL NEW YEAR

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breaking through of some clear light from the moribund static luxury-loving and material-worshipping age, grown incapable of longer existence devoid of that higher idealism which has made civilization permanent and great?"

Beyond question no period in the course of present generation has been so pregnant with significant questions. In no moment of modern time have men felt more keenly the need of reappraisal of the values that lie near the heart of things. These are days for heights and depths, for putting national and spiritual houses in order, for clearing out old insincerities and superficialities. These are days for ideals to emerge. In these hours the central question of existence presses irresistibly for a hearing. That question is, "What, after all, is really worth while?"

Already on all sides the query comes, "What about after the war?" Nations cannot go on interminably at this tragic rate. Inevitably the results of the conflict are to be more far-reaching than any human understanding can fathom at present. The struggle is just the prelude to tremendous world changes. David Livingstone, after his long conflict in Africa, said that the end of the exploration was only the beginning of the enterprise. The feature of nations, as of individuals, will be molded after the war by attitudes, by tendencies taking shape out of the smoke of battles and by the unparalleled juxtapositions of races. Undoubtedly these people who, in the coming testing time, shall be capable of wisest decisions, wrought in judgments which have achieved new elevation of perspective, will rule the earth.

The aforesaid English schoolmaster has outlined for his school world his hope:

"I look forward to a not far distant future as the outcome of all this time of distress . . . and of horror, when the public school boy shall be what we each of us in our inmost hearts, if we ever take the trouble to think, always meant him to be: upright, pure, honorable, truthful, full of divine, restless power, which will make for the amelioration of the lot of mankind over whom he will have sway. I look forward to a time when snobbery, the mad pursuit of wealth, the incessant search for transient pleasures, undue athletic prominence, slackness of aim, brainlessness, blindness to beauty, tacit consent to pain, bullying—all these and a million other present day vices shall be wholly eradicated from our system, and in their place be substituted generosity, aesthetic appreciation for whatever things are honorable, pure, and of good report, indulgence and compassion towards the weak, the encouragement of the intellectual, a real understanding for the things that matter, and a turning away from the things that matter not."

Is it not an hour for the intelligent belligerent and neutral alike to consider whether or not, as a sequel of these momentous days, such unfading ideals shall become, as never before, the fixed stars for himself and the nation he holds most dear?—Christian Science Monitor.

## SENATOR WHITLEDGE SAYS DICKEY IS FAVORITE

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 16.—State Senator Thomas B. Whitledge of Ste. Genevieve, who was here today to file a motion to advance a case in the Supreme Court involving the validity of the alien voting statute, says his friends are for Dickey for the Senate.

"While I am very fond of former

Governor Hadley and regard him as the very best political campaigner in Missouri, the rank and file of the Republicans are for Walter S. Dickey.

"They have not been able to forget that Hadley didn't support a Republican national administration. He may be able to overcome his handicap to some extent by a speaking tour."

Senator Whitledge's views bear out the estimates of Jefferson City politicians that Hadley will face a hard task in making inroads upon the strength of Dickey throughout the State.

## JAPANESE PREPAREDNESS

Certain Americans pretend to be very much afraid of an attack upon us by Japan, and to that end are urging the building of a great navy to resist the dreaded assault. But let us look at the matter from the Japanese point of view. America is larger, wealthier and a more powerful nation in every way than Japan. It belongs to the Occident, and the Occidental peoples have ever shown small respects for the rights of Oriental peoples. Europe has never hesitated to enroach upon Asia; and America is the child of Europe. She already has possession of the Hawaiian Islands, who is in Samoa and she has the Philippines. What reason is there for supposing that the great nation that has grown out of thirteen colonies on the Atlantic seaboard by absorbing territory from Spain, from Mexico, and from Russia will stop with the present status? By all the logic of history she will not tolerate Japan's position in the Pacific, and will, at the first opportunity, destroy her power.

With such a thought in mind—and there is no reason to doubt that some Japanese may harbor such thoughts—what will be the effect upon them when they see us doubling our navy? Will they not be confirmed in their conviction that we intend mischief? Will not those who are now suspicious be quickly convinced, and set about persuading those who have hitherto thought well of us? And will they not rally to the defense of their own country by doubling their own navy? Is not this the teaching of modern statesmanship? Is it not the very essence of preparedness? And if the Japanese double their navy, what will be the effect upon our numerous ones? Will not those who now seek to have our navy doubled want it redoubled? And then what? It is possible that Japan and China may come to terms, and by combining their powers be able to command the wealth equal to our own. Is such wealth to be squandered in mad armament rivalry? Yet is not this the logic of the argument for a large navy? Every additional ship that we place in the Pacific is a threat to Japan; and every answering ship that Japan launches is a challenge to America. Is this statesmanship? Is it Christianity? Is it civilization? Is it plain common sense?—The Public.

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